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1. Seventy thousand\* Moslem guerrillas, former members of MA Pu-fang's cavalry units, are still active in Tsinghai Province. Thirty thousand of these men are in unorganized guerrilla bands, and twenty thousand are in small scattered units. Major General MA Ying (馬英), former commander of the 8 Cavalry Brigade, is overall commander of these troops.
  2. If outside aid is available, the Moslem guerrillas intend to develop an airfield at Tulan (98-46, 37-01). MA Pu-fang's representative, in early February 1950, was planning to go to Taiwan to request support from the Nationalist Government for the Moslem guerrillas in Tsinghai Province.
  3. The present Chinese Communist troop strength in Tsinghai Province is not known; but at the time the Communists took the area it was only two armies. As a result of the guerrilla activities, the Chinese Communists control only towns and cities, and none of the countryside except for the highway between Hsining (101-49, 36-37) and Lanchow (103-41, 36-03).

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Comment. [redacted] a representative of MA Pu-fang.

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60,000 troops who had gone underground in Northwest China, including 4-5,000 former cavalry troops.

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